AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold, provided with uprights ~~(1)~~ and girders ~~(2)~~, characterized in that each girder ~~(2) at~~ at least one end face ~~(3)~~ is integrally provided with a coupling means ~~(4)~~ for detachably coupling the girder ~~(2)~~ to a smooth part of the upright ~~(1)~~.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 1, characterized in that said coupling means of the girder ~~(2)~~ comprises a tube clamp ~~(4)~~ to be detachably connected to a smooth tube part.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that at least one coupling means ~~(4)~~ of the girder ~~(2)~~ is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder ~~(2)~~.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim~~s~~ 1, characterized in that each coupling means ~~(4)~~ is provided with an integral connecting body ~~(5)~~ which is integrally connected to the respective girder ~~(2)~~.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim~~s 3 and~~ 4, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and a

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relatively large part of the connecting body ~~(5)~~ of each coupling means ~~(4)~~ is located at the same side of said intersecting plane (H) as the respective coupling means ~~(4)~~.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~at least~~ claim 4, characterized in that each connecting body ~~(5)~~ is of substantially solid design.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~at least~~ claim~~s 3 and~~ 4, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and each said connecting body ~~(5)~~ is designed for keeping a space (S) between the respective girder ~~(2)~~ and an oppositely located upright ~~(1)~~ clear, which space (S) is destined for a part of a coupling means ~~(4)~~ of a different girder ~~(2)~~ to be coupled to that upright ~~(1)~~ at substantially the same height.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~at least~~ claim 4, characterized in that each connecting body ~~(5)~~ extends at least partly in a respective end ~~(3)~~ of the respective girder ~~(2)~~.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 8, characterized in that the connecting body fits into the girder ~~(2)~~ with relatively little or no clearance.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim 4, characterized in that the connecting body ~~(5)~~ is designed such

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that the distance (L) between the end face ~~(3)~~ of the girder ~~(2)~~ and an outer side ~~(6)~~ of the upright ~~(1)~~, after assembly, is less than approximately 5 cm.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim~~s~~ 1, characterized in that the girder ~~(2)~~ is integrally provided at both end faces ~~(3)~~ with coupling means ~~(4)~~ for coupling the girder ~~(2)~~ to uprights ~~(1)~~.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to claim~~s 3 and~~ 11, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and the two coupling means ~~(4)~~ of the girder ~~(2)~~ are located on opposite sides of said intersecting plane (H).

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim~~s~~ 1, characterized in that each coupling means ~~(4)~~ comprises a half cross-coupling.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A girder, ~~evidently~~ destined for a scaffold according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim~~s~~ 1.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for building a scaffold, wherein uprights ~~(1)~~ and girders ~~(2)~~ are coupled to each other, characterized in that at end faces ~~(3)~~, the girders ~~(2)~~ are integrally provided with coupling means ~~(4)~~ for coupling the girders ~~(2)~~ to the uprights ~~(1)~~, wherein a base for a scaffold

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floor is set up at a desired height via the following steps, to be carried out in suitable order:

a) uprights ~~(1)~~ are erected at desired positions; and

b) at the desired height, girders ~~(2)~~ are coupled to smooth parts of the uprights ~~(1)~~ via the respective coupling means ~~(4)~~.

16. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 2, characterized in that at least one coupling means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a - at least after assembly in the scaffold - horizontal intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder.

17. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 9, characterized in that the girder is integrally provided at both end faces with coupling means for coupling the girder to uprights.

18. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 9, characterized in that each coupling means comprises a half cross-coupling.

19. (NEW) A scaffold according to claim 12, characterized in that each coupling means comprises a half cross-coupling.

20. (NEW) A girder, destined for a scaffold according to claim 9.

21. (NEW) A girder, destined for a scaffold according to claim 12.

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